REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 1988

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held December 12, 1988 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: B. B. Holt, R. B. Hutton, H. W. Leap, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. R. E. Davis was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent, and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Mr. Monger presented the following report to council:

1. (a) Virginia Municipal Electric and Power Assoc. met December 7, 1988 in Richmond, They discussed the Culpeper Annexation Case and decided to have Turner Smith of Manassas represent MEPAV in this. MEPAV will pay costs of approximately $2000.00 out of their treasury and will not ask towns for any additional money.

   (b) They discussed the Lineman Training Program and decided to purchase this training program at a cost of $75,000.00 and a committee was appointed to administer it. MEPAV will pay for this from their treasury with hopes of renting the programs to the municipalities. Rental will be approximately $50.00 per week plus $9.00 for each student textbook.

   (c) The annual meeting was set for the first week after Memorial Week at Virginia Beach.

2. (a) Virginia Municipal Electric Association #1 met after the MEPAV meeting December 7, 1988 in Richmond. A report from each member was given concerning the proposed generation and other contracts. All localities have signed the contracts except Elkton and Wakefield. Both have meetings Monday, December 12, 1988 and decisions should be reached at that time.

   (b) Harrisonburg had a special study done by Southern Engineering concerning the generation project and the only problem was the length of contract of thirty-five years. They asked that it be reduced to fifteen years, but due to some legalities it was reduced to sixteen years. Southern Engineering also recommended the size of the project be doubled. (VMEA #1 does not plan to do this.) Harrisonburg Commission members also wanted the option to initial any and all changes in future contracts concerning this project.

   (c) Action was taken concerning some minor changes in the contracts.

   (d) The first half of each localities money will be due sometime around the first of March and the remainder due within thirty days. The best known figure to date is a cost of $81,342.00 to Elkton.

   (e) The annual meeting of VMEA #1 will be held sometime in January 1989.

Mr. Monger reported that he has sent the following letter to Mr. W. B. Coburn, Assistant Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation concerning the proposed traffic light at the intersection of Route 340 and Shenandoah Avenue:

> "Concerning the above subject and project, the Town of Elkton was informed the advertising date was to be September 1988. We now find an advertising date of September 1989.
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> Due to the danger of this intersection, is there anyway this project could be advertised and constructed earlier?
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> Please advise, if the Town of Elkton can help speed this project to an earlier date."

Mr. Monger stated the letter was dated December 2, 1988 and he has not received a reply to this letter as of this date.

Mr. Monger reported he has talked to several people regarding the C & W Shop building. He wrote a letter stating it is the town's understanding that the shops are scheduled to be torn down and asked about the possibility of renting or leasing the buildings. He received the following reply:

> "The following is in reference to your letter dated December 2, 1988, concerning the CW Shop building in Elkton, Virginia. The building is not needed in our operations. Due to the age and disrepair of this building, a decision has been made to tear down and remove from the site. In addition, we have received several complaints from the citizens in connection with the building.
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> I believe it will be in the best interest of NS and the Town of Elkton to get rid of this old building."

Mr. Monger reported that in regards to connecting to the sewer in the "Little Egypt" area, Don Krueger sent him a letter they plan to give to persons asking to hook up to these lines. Mr. Monger read the letter to council. After some discussion, council asked Mr. Davenport to look over the letter and if he see no problems with the letter to send it back to Mr. Krueger.

Mr. Monger reported that on Wednesday, December 14, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. the Elkton Planning Commission will meet to go over the comments from the Public Hearing on the new zoning ordinances, as well as other items. They are requesting each council member be present at this meeting.

Chief Pence reviewed the police report for the month. He pointed out that he feels the overtime may not be accurate as during the month of November there was only overtime on one weekend when the Chief was away. He also reported that the marked police car is at Myers Ford getting an estimate on cost for repairs. There is some major motor problems and it might be necessary to consider a new automobile.

Mayor Dean commended Chief Pence and Deputy Michael on the good job they did in court.

Councilman Snow reported that Councilman Davis called him and asked him to present the motion in regards to the power generation project.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt that the Town of Elkton participate in the generating facilities project proposed by Virginia Municipal Electric Association # 1 and for such purpose to authorize the Mayor to sign the following contracts:

1. Agreement for the purchase of electricity for resale between Virginia Electric and Power Company and Virginia Municipal Electric Association Number 1.

2. Agreement for the joint exercise of powers among the Town of Blackstone, the Town of Culpeper, the Town of Elkton, the City of Franklin, the City of Manassas, the Town of Wakefield, Virginia and the Harrisonburg Electric Commission.

3. Power sales contract between Virginia Municipal Electric Association #1 and the Town of Elkton.

4. Initial facilities agreement among Virginia Municipal Electric Association #1 and the Town of Blackstone, the Town of Culpeper, the Town of Elkton, the City of Franklin, the City of Manassas, the Town of Wakefield, Virginia and the Harrisonburg Electric Commission.

5. Construction and operation agreement between Virginia Municipal Electric Association #1 and the City of Manassas, Virginia.

Councilman R. B. Hutton moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to amend the motion to include the Town of Wakefield, if they join.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended and recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Leap	- yea
Hutton	- yea	Life	- yea
		Snow	- yea

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the First Reading to appropriate $81,342.00 to support the generation project.

Councilman Snow reported that Councilman Davis has contacted Vepco about the street lights in Elkwood and he is checking to see what can be done. Council decided to have the Electric Committee continue looking into this problem.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve on Second Reading the appropriation of $4,729.41 to the Sewer Budget for supplies and $3,595.55 to the Water Budget for supplies. The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Leap	- yea
Hutton	- yea	Life	- yea
		Snow	- yea

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the audit report for the year ending June 30, 1988.

Mayor Dean asked where we stand on the old agriculture building at the school. Mr. Monger stated they are working on it. The heaters have been ordered and they should be able to start using the building soon.

Councilman Holt reported that the county is getting ready to increase their vehicle license fee to $20.00. If the town doesn't increase their tags from $15.00 to $20.00, they will have to charge the customer the extra $5.00 and send it to the county.

Councilman B. B. Holt presented the following First Reading to amend Section 8-3-4 of the town code:

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8-3-4 OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA

The following Amendment to Sec. 8-3-4 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Elkton, Virginia is hereby adopted:

Sec. 8-3-4 How license obtained; schedule of license taxes.

(a) The owner of a vehicle as provided for in Section 8-3-3 shall obtain the requisite license from the town treasurer upon giving to the town treasurer a description of the vehicle to be licensed, including the make, model, serial number and state license number of the motor vehicle, and upon the payment to the town treasurer of a license tax in the following amount:

(1) Motor vehicle other than motorcycle.....$20.00
(2) Motorcycle....amount equal to that levied by the county.
(3) Trailer or semitrailer drawn by motor vehicle.. ...amount equal to that levied by the county.

(b) The license tax upon a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle shall be half-price if obtained after October 1.

(Code 1966, Sec. 15-120; Ord. of June 14, 1968; Ord. of October 10, 1969; January 1, 1981; Ord. of December 29, 1988)

Councilman Holt reported that he, along with Councilwoman Life and some other people, sat at the Miller-Kite House during open house Sunday and despite the weather it went well.

Councilwoman Life reported that on the Friday it snowed Mr. Monger had planned to measure for the caboose but was unable to do so. They hope to get this done as soon as possible.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk